

REMARKS

Consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

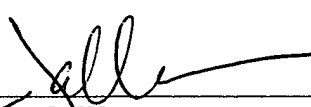
Applicants urge that the present invention is patentable over the known prior art and request that the Examiner issue an early indication of allowability in that regard. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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